

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, lines 6 to 8, in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 16 to 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The ~~inventions suggests~~ invention includes a determination step, wherein the process model is analyzed if a priority execution specification is assigned to said one activity comprising at least one Boolean predicate and a priority level.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 26, and continuing to page 11, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The ~~specification~~ example shown in Fig. 1 shows the definition of a performance sphere. The sphere contains two activities. Referring to Fig. 1 it shows the definition of a performance sphere (100) defining the default execution priority (101) for activities within the performance sphere. Moreover the definition of two activities (110) and (120) are visualized as part of the above performance sphere (112, 113). Within the specifications of the activity (110) an explicit execution priority (111) is defined thus overriding the corresponding default execution priority (101) on the level of the encompassing performance sphere. In contrast to that the specification of the activity (120) comprises no extra priority definition, therefore it will be executed with the execution priority defined by its encompassing performance sphere (100).

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 9 to 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the current invention the WFMS will be responsive to the priority specifications when executing the process model at run-time. The invention ~~suggest to let~~ allows the WFMS balance its workload along the

following dimensions:

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 32 and 33, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To overcome these deficiencies the current invention ~~suggests~~ includes a collection of several features:

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 3 to 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thus applying the teaching of the current invention the process instance starts with execution priority LOW which dynamically may change as soon as the contents of the LoanAmount field is known. If the LoanAmount is between ~~\$5.000~~ \$5,000 and ~~\$10.000~~ \$10,000, the execution priority is bumped to MEDIUM; if the LoanAmount is higher than ~~\$10.000~~ \$10,000, the execution priority is bumped to HIGH.